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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT
(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 12521330/JEH/RBR	FOR FURTHER ACTION	see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
International application No. PCT/AU2004/001423	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 15 October 2004	(Earliest) Priority Date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 15 October 2003
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This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box No. II).

3. **Unity of invention is lacking** (See Box No. III).

4. With regard to the **title**,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

POXVIRUS VECTOR ENCODING RETROVIRUS (EG HIV) AND CYTOKINE.

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regard to the **drawings**,

a. the figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

as suggested by the applicant.

as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention.

b. none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. Claims Nos.: **47 – 62 (all partially)**
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
These claims are only searched to the extent that they embody the inventive concept of the invention. That is, they have been searched as if they are being used for the methods of the invention (ie methods of treatment or prophylaxis of retroviral infections), and not to the extent that the claims are directed to vectors which are capable of being used for these methods.
3. Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a)

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int. Cl. ⁷: C12N 15/48, A61K 39/21

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

SEE ELECTRONIC DATABASES BELOW

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched
SEE ELECTRONIC DATABASES BELOWElectronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
WPIDS, CA, MEDLINE : Keywords - fowlpox, avipox, pox, HIV, ENV, GAG, POL, cytokine, tumor necrosis factor, interferon, interleukin, vector.

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 2000/028003 A1 (THE MACFARLANE BURNET CENTRE FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH LIMITED) 18 May 2000. (See particularly p. 19 – 20, Example 2, claims 1 – 38.)	1-62.
X	KENT, S. J., et. al. (2000) A Recombinant Avipoxvirus HIV-1 Vaccine Expressing Interferon-gamma is Safe and Immunogenic in Macaques, Vaccine 18:2250-6. (See particularly Abstract and Discussion.)	1-27,47-62.
P,X	WO 2004/058278 A1 (THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES) 15 July 2004. (See particularly Examples 1 and 2)	1-27,47-62.
P,X	Chemical Abstracts 141:151863 (26 August 2004) Construction and Identification of Recombinant Fowlpox Virus Coexpressing HIV-1CN gp120 and hIL-6, and, JIANG, W. et. al. Zhonghua Weishengwuxue He Mianyixue Zazhi (2003) 23(6):414-7.	1-27,47-62.

 Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C See patent family annex

* Special categories of cited documents:	
"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance	"T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
"E" earlier application or patent but published on or after the international filing date	"X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
"L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)	"Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art
"O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means	"&" document member of the same patent family
"P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed	

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Information on patent family members

International application No.

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This Annex lists the known "A" publication level patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned international search report. The Australian Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

Patent Document Cited in Search Report		Patent Family Member				
WO	0028003	AU	15014/00	CA	2350127	
		NZ	511567		EP	1129177
WO	0458278					
Due to data integration issues this family listing may not include 10 digit Australian applications filed since May 2001.						
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